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## INTRODUCTION

Pyridine 1-oxide and organic-polymer variants bearing this moiety are extremely selective nucleophilic catalysts in transacylation reactions of carboxylic and phosphoric acid derivatives.<sup>1-5</sup> Polysiloxanes are organometallic macromolecules well-known for their broadly applicable physical and dynamic mechanical properties (i.e., chain flexibility, low temperature elasticity, hydrophobicity, and thermo-oxidative stability) which differ considerably from vinyl polymers.<sup>6</sup> In an attempt to merge the desirable properties of the siloxane chain with the potentially effective and selective catalytic properties of nucleophilic substituents, we reported the synthesis, characterization and catalytic properties of silane monomers and low molecular weight siloxane oligomers with 1-oxypyridin-3-yl groups bonded to silicon.<sup>7</sup> These materials were soluble in organic solvents, but insoluble in water. More recently we described polysiloxanes bearing 'super'-nucleophilic 4-dialkylaminopyridine moieties. These materials, when partially protonated, are water soluble and exhibit a tendency to self-associate as micelle-like species.<sup>7-10</sup> This type of self-aggregation, which is driven by inter- or intramolecular hydrophobic interactions, has led to water soluble polysiloxane catalysts with affinity for lipophobic substrates.<sup>9-11</sup> We now wish to report the synthesis and characterization of higher molecular weight polysiloxanes which contain pendant, polar 1-oxypyridin-3-yl groups and are water as well as organic-solvent soluble.

## EXPERIMENTAL

Solvents and reagents were purified by drying over a suitable dehydrating agent followed by distillation. The synthesis of diethoxy(methyl)(3-pyridyl)silane (1) has been described elsewhere.<sup>1</sup> Infrared spectra were obtained with a Perkin-Elmer 282 spectrometer using KBr plates. <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra were recorded on a QE-300 spectrometer in CDCl<sub>3</sub> with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> or TMS as an internal reference. Molecular weight measurements were determined by size exclusion chromatography using a Waters R401 Differential Refractometer and ASI (10<sup>3</sup> and 10<sup>4</sup>) styragel columns, and, where molecular weights were less than 10,000, by end-group (i.e. (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>SiO : CH<sub>3</sub>(3-Py)SiO ratio) analysis using integration of the <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra.

### *Synthesis of Me<sub>3</sub>SiO End-Blocked Poly[(methyl)(1-oxypyridin-3-yl)siloxane]*

To a magnetically stirred solution of diethoxy(methyl)(3-pyridyl)silane (1) (2.18 g; 10.3 mmol) diluted with THF (2 mL) in a 25mL round-bottom flask was added H<sub>2</sub>O (0.378 g; 21.0 mmol) and Me<sub>4</sub>NOH (1.1 μL; 20% in MeOH; 2.3x10<sup>-6</sup> mol). The mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 12 h. Volatile materials were removed at 60 °C under vacuum. The temperature was then raised to 140 °C for 20 min to destroy the catalyst. The residual material, the hydroxy end-functional polysiloxane (2), (1.35 g) is a light yellow fluid which is soluble in organic solvents. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (δ, Σ<sub>1/2</sub>, H<sup>n</sup>, Area): 8.70, 10, H<sup>2,6</sup>, 2; 7.80, 10, H<sup>4</sup>, 1; 7.20, 10, H<sup>5</sup>, 1; 0.4, 10, HSiCH<sub>3</sub>, 3. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (δ, C<sup>n</sup>): 153.8, C<sup>2</sup>; 151.4, C<sup>6</sup>;

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14.9, C<sup>4</sup>; 130.8, C<sup>3</sup>; 124.5, C<sup>5</sup>; -0.80, C<sup>Si</sup>. IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>, int, [assign]): 3400, m, br, [Si-OH]; 1590, s, 1400 s [ring C=C, C=N]; 1260, s, [Si-CH<sub>3</sub>]; 1100, s, br, [Si-O-Si]; 790, s, [ring C-H].

Polymer 2 (Scheme 1) (1.35 g) was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL) in a 25 mL round-bottom flask. Bis(trimethylsilyl)acetamide (BSA, 2 mL; 8.1x10<sup>-3</sup> mol) was added and the mixture was stirred for 12 h at room temperature. The volatile materials were removed under vacuum at 90 °C for 24 h to give a viscous yellow fluid which is soluble in chlorinated hydrocarbons and methanol but insoluble in water and hexane. The product (3, 1.13 g) was precipitated from methanol solution with hexane. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (δ, Σ<sub>1/2</sub>, H<sup>n</sup>, Area): 8.70, 12, H<sup>2,6</sup>, 2; 7.80, 10, H<sup>4</sup>, 1; 7.20, 10, H<sup>5</sup>, 1; 0.35, 15, H<sup>Si</sup>CH<sub>3</sub>, 3; 0.00, 3, H<sup>Si</sup>(CH)<sub>3</sub>, 0.3. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (δ, C<sup>n</sup>): 154.0, C<sup>2</sup>; 151.9, C<sup>6</sup>; 141.3, C<sup>4</sup>; 131.2, C<sup>3</sup>; 123.9, C<sup>5</sup>; -0.06, C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>Si. IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>, int, [assign]): 1590, s, 1400 s [ring C=C, C=N]; 1260, s, [Si-CH<sub>3</sub>, Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]; 1100, s, br, [Si-O-Si]; 790, s, [ring C-H]. The number average molecular weight (M<sub>n</sub>), which is estimated from the area ratio of end-group to in-chain methyl protons, is 8500. Gel permeation chromatographic (GPC) data indicate a bimodal distribution for the material first isolated from the synthesis. Purification giving a single-peak chromatogram is accomplished by precipitation of the product from methanol solution with addition of hexane; M<sub>n</sub>, 9000; polydispersity, 2.7 (relative to polystyrene standards).

Polymer 3 (MW<sub>GPC</sub> = 9000; 0.90 g) was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL) in a 25 mL round-bottom flask. *m*-Chloroperoxybenzoic acid (1.25 g, 5.8x10<sup>-3</sup> mol) dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL) was added. After 16 h of stirring at room temperature, Et<sub>3</sub>N (2 mL) and then hexane (40 mL) were added. A white precipitate (suspension) instantly formed. After 15 min a light brown oil (4) collected at the bottom of the flask. The suspension was decanted. The oil was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and precipitated by addition of hexane. The dissolution-precipitation procedure was repeated two more times. Solvents were removed under vacuum at 70 °C for 24 h to yield a clear, brown, glassy material (4, 0.78 g) which is soluble in chlorinated hydrocarbons, methanol and water. The solid is hygroscopic and gains 15% by weight of water in 2 h to become a viscous brown fluid. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (δ, Σ<sub>1/2</sub>, H<sup>n</sup>, Area): 8.28, 30, H<sup>2,6</sup>, 2; 7.38, 30, H<sup>4,5</sup>, 2; 0.40, 30, H<sup>Si</sup>CH<sub>3</sub>, 3; 0.05, 3, H<sup>Si</sup>(CH)<sub>3</sub>; <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (δ, C<sup>n</sup>): 142.2, C<sup>2</sup>; 140.4, C<sup>6</sup>; 134.0, C<sup>4</sup>; 130.3, C<sup>3</sup>; 126.4, C<sup>5</sup>; 0.0, C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>Si. IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>, int, [assign]): 1210, s, br, [Si-CH<sub>3</sub>, Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]; 1100, s, br, [Si-O-Si]; 925, m, [N<sup>+</sup>-O<sup>-</sup>]; UV (solvent, τ<sub>max</sub> (nm)): H<sub>2</sub>O, 208, 256; CH<sub>3</sub>OH, 268; CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 278.

The organic solvent/water distribution coefficient for 4 was determined by <sup>1</sup>H-NMR in CDCl<sub>3</sub> and UV spectroscopy at 267 nm in CHCl<sub>3</sub>. For example, 4 (80 μg) was placed in a 5 mm NMR tube with CDCl<sub>3</sub> (500 μL) and toluene (2 μL). After the spectrum was recorded, D<sub>2</sub>O (500 μL) was added and the mixture was vigorously mixed by shaking for 30 min at ambient temperature (22-23 °C). The phases were allowed to separate and the NMR spectrum of the organic and water layers was recorded. Table 1 summarizes the data for 4 (M<sub>n</sub>, 9000, 5300, >1000), 3-trimethylsilylpyridine 1-oxide (monomer, 5), and 1,1,3,3-tetramethyl-1,3-bis(1-oxypyridin-3-yl)disiloxane (dimer, 6). The NMR data were compared to the results obtained from the UV spectral studies. In the latter experiment, a 1.0 μL sample of the organic and water phases was withdrawn separately and each was injected into a quartz cuvette containing MeOH

(3.00 mL). The spectrum of each was taken and a comparison of the absorbances at 267 nm permitted the calculation of the partition coefficient.

#### *Quasi-elastic Light Scattering Experiment*

Quasi-elastic light scattering measurements on polymers 1 and 2 were carried out on a Brookhaven B12030AT Light Scattering System with 72 channel real-time correlator and Joden laser (power, 15mW). A 90° scattering angle was used and the polymers were dissolved in water, methanol and methylene chloride to a concentration of 5 g/L. The apparent Stokes diameters,  $D_s^{app}$  (nm) for polymer 4 ( $M_n$ , 9000) in different solvents is as follows (solvent,  $D_s^{app}$  (nm)): water,  $5.0 \pm 1$ ; MeOH,  $7.0 \pm 1$ ;  $CH_2Cl_2$ ,  $9.5 \pm 1$ .  $D_s^{app}$ .

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

We have recently shown that low molecular weight, linear oligomeric siloxanes, which contain pendant 3-pyridinyl and 1-oxypyridin-3-yl groups, can be prepared by the alkaline hydrolysis of the corresponding difunctional chlorosilane monomers.<sup>7,12,13</sup>  $^1H$ -NMR, GPC and Direct Injection Probe-MS data suggest that the predominant products from the hydrolysis are low molecular weight linear and cyclic species with degree of polymerization (DP) between 3 and 15. The problems encountered using chlorosilanes as polymer intermediates are moderate-to-poor product yield, decomposition of the monomer during purification by distillation, difficulty in transferring and handling extremely moisture-sensitive intermediates, multiple substitutions which result in by-products that are difficult to separate from the primary product, and the ubiquitous presence of HCl which complexes with the pyridinyl function and makes purification difficult. In an effort to prepare polymer chains of sufficiently high molecular weight for potential applications as catalytically active fluids, films, resins and elastomers, we have used diethoxy(methyl)(pyridin-3-yl)silane (1) as the monomer precursor.<sup>14</sup> Polymer 2 was prepared by hydrolytic polycondensation of monomer 1 in the presence of catalytic quantities ( $1 \times 10^{-3}$  mol/dm<sup>3</sup>) of a strong base, preferably,  $Me_4NOH$  (Scheme 1) in a THF-water solution. Polymerization is complete within 1 hour. In contrast, uncatalyzed hydrolytic polymerization of 1 in the same solvent mixture is slow, giving less than 10% conversion in 6 hours and low molecular weight species.

Polymer 2 is a clear pale-yellow viscous fluid which is soluble in chlorinated hydrocarbons. The infrared spectrum of 2 exhibits a strong, broad absorption at  $1100\text{ cm}^{-1}$  characteristic of the Si-O stretching vibration of the siloxane chain and an intense broad band at  $3400\text{ cm}^{-1}$  assigned to the terminal Si-OH vibration.<sup>15</sup> The  $^1H$ -NMR spectrum of 2 exhibits three broad unresolved resonances in the aromatic region (8.7 to 7.2 ppm) comparable to shifts found in the monomer. The methyl group protons appear as multicenter singlets at  $\sim 0.4$  ppm corresponding to the various structural arrangements due to different tacticities. Similar observations have been noted for poly[methyl(phenyl)siloxane].<sup>16</sup> The  $^{13}C$ -NMR spectrum of 2 consists of five peaks which appear at positions expected for pyridinyl carbons with a 3-substituent in addition to methyl group carbons on silicon.

Upon end-blocking with BSA, polymer 3 is formed. Polymer 3 is a pale-yellow viscous fluid which is soluble in chlorinated hydrocarbon solvents and THF. The solubility of 3 in alcohols and water depends on molecular weight. The only change in the infrared spectra of 3 relative to 2 is the disappearance of the O-H band at  $3400\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . The  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectrum of 3 is similar to 2. The  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum of 3 is the same as 2 with the exception of a small singlet at  $\sim 0$  ppm which has been assigned to the end-group methyl protons.<sup>7</sup> The area ratio of the end-group to in-chain methyl signals can be used to estimate the molecular weight of oligomers (e.g.,  $A^{\text{Me}}/A^{\text{Me}_3} \approx 10$ ;  $x \approx 60$ ;  $M_n \sim 8500$ ). The GPC data for 3, which is obtained directly from material in the reaction medium, indicate a bimodal distribution. The lower molecular weight material, which represents about 5% of the product, has  $M_n$  less than 600 and is assumed to be a mixture of cyclic oligomers, which is consistent with the appearance of sharper  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR lines in the aliphatic region. On removal of the low molecular weight oligomers, which is accomplished by precipitation of the higher molecular weight material from methanol solution with hexane, polymer 3 has  $M_n \approx 9000$  (relative to polystyrene standards) and a polydispersity of 2.7.

Polymer 3 can be oxidized to the 1-oxypyridinyl derivative (4) by treatment with *m*-chloroperoxybenzoic acid in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at room temperature. Product 4 is a brown, glass-like, hygroscopic substance which is soluble in chlorinated hydrocarbons, alcohols and water. The IR spectrum of 4 gives direct evidence for the presence of the  $\text{N}^+-\text{O}^-$  bond with a characteristic strong stretching vibration at  $1210\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and a medium intensity deformation band at  $925\text{ cm}^{-1}$ .<sup>17</sup> The  $^1\text{H}$ -nmr spectrum of 4 exhibits two broad, unresolved resonances in the aromatic region resulting from the merging of  $\text{H}^2$  and  $\text{H}^6$ , and  $\text{H}^4$  and  $\text{H}^5$  protons, respectively. A similar effect has been noted with other 3-substituted pyridines.<sup>18</sup> The high-field methyl group proton signals are similar to those in 3. The  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectrum of 4 is very complex, perhaps reflecting structural variations associated with chain conformations, tacticity and the effect of the highly polar N-O bond. The DSC and TGA of 4 is similar to that reported earlier for oligomers.<sup>7</sup>

The solubility properties of 4 are very interesting and depend on molecular weight. The monomer model, 3-trimethylsilylpyridine 1-oxide (5) and the dimer, 1,1,3,3-tetramethyl-1,3-bis(1-oxypyridin-3-yl)disiloxane (6), are essentially insoluble in water and have very small distribution coefficients in a water- $\text{CHCl}_3$  partitioning experiment (i.e., 0.05/0.95 and 0.09/0.91, respectively; Table 1). The low molecular weight oligomer ( $M_n > 1000$ ), is sparingly soluble in water and has a distribution coefficient of 0.40/0.60. The higher molecular weight materials (viz.,  $M_n$ , 5300 and 9000) have increasing solubility in water and appreciable partitioning into the water phase (0.69/0.31 and 0.87/0.13, respectively) with increasing molecular weight. The high solubility in water is presumably a result either of the flexible siloxane backbone assuming a conformation in which the polar  $\text{N}^+-\text{O}^-$  moieties can interact strongly with water (i.e., hydrophilic surface with hydrophobic core; Scheme 2, A) or self-association of the chains into a bilayer-like structure mediated by inter- or intramolecular hydrophobic interactions of the hydrophobic methylsiloxyl units coupled with strong hydrophilic interaction of the polar group with water. The solubility in the organic phase could then correspond to reorganization of the polymer chain, for example,

to achieve a conformation which maximizes hydrophobic interaction with the solvent (e.g., hydrophobic surface with hydrophilic core where water is present; Scheme 2, **B**). In the absence of water, it is expected that polymer 4 will have a random-coil structure (**C**) owing to the high flexibility of the siloxane backbone. Similar unusual solubility effects have been observed with siloxanes bearing charged 4-aminopyridine residues.<sup>10</sup> Evidence for conformational variation with solvent has been obtained from quasi-elastic light scattering studies in the various solvents. Thus, it has been found that the Stokes diameter for the water-soluble polymer increases with a decrease in the solvent's hydrophobicity in the order H<sub>2</sub>O (5.0 nm) < MeOH (7.0 nm) < CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (9.5 nm).

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**Table 1. Distribution Coefficient of Pyridine 1-Oxide Species (Monomer, Dimer, Oligomer and Polymers) Between H<sub>2</sub>O and CHCl<sub>3</sub> Phases**

<u>Substance <sup>a</sup></u>	<u>Fraction (in H<sub>2</sub>O)</u>	<u>Fraction (in CHCl<sub>3</sub>)</u>
Monomer	0.05	0.95
Dimer	0.09	0.91
Oligomer (<1000)	0.40	0.60
Polymer (5300)	0.69	0.31
Polymer (9000)	0.87	0.13
	(0.92)	0.08) <sup>b</sup>

a. Monomer = 4-trimethylsilylpyridine 1-oxide; Dimer = 1,1,3,3-tetramethyl-1,3-bis(1-oxypyridin-3-yl)disiloxane

b. In CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>

